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PM lays first brick for Ram Temple in Ayodhya

Ayodhya, Aug. 5 (UNI & Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the first brick for the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya at 12.44 pm today, as per the *muhurat* of *bhoomi pujan*.

The brick was laid amid slogans of *'Jai Shree Ram'* and *'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'* filling the air. A 40-kilogram sliver brick with details of the Ram Temple movement inscribed on it was laid first. The priests narrated in detail the importance of the Ram Temple, Ram Rajya and how a 500-year-old dream was fulfilled.

The priests said that at the *bhoomi pujan* site, nine bricks have been laid though there are 2.75 lakh bricks donated by the Ram Bhakts during *Shilanyas* in 1989. Of these, 100 bricks to be used for the construction have "Jai Shree Ram" inscribed on it.

Prime Minister Modi performed the 'pujan' at 'Shree Ram Janmabhoomi' along with UP Governor Anandiben Patel, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat.

Wearing traditional dhoti-kurta, the Prime Minister de-boarded an Air Force helicopter that flew him to Ayodhya from Lucknow. The ceremony was attended by 175 people who figured in a select guest list of Seers and politicians. Soil from more than 2,000 pilgrimage sites and water from more than 100 rivers was brought for the rituals. At the *'bhoomi pujan'* site, Modi greeted attendees with a *'sashtang pranam'* (prostration).

Before the stone laying ceremony, PM Modi stopped at Hanumangarhi Temple for *'darshan'*, following which he arrived at the Ram Mandir site and was seen taking part in 'darshan' of *'Bhagwan Shree Ramlala Virajman'*. During the ritual, PM also put *'Tika'* on his forehead and recited the mantras after the priests praying to all the Gods and Goddesses for the completion of the Ram Temple and well-being of the universe.

(See AYODHYA on page 7)

Flood Alert in Nanjangud

50,000 cusecs of water discharged from Kabini Dam

Nanjangud, Aug.5 (RS&DM)- With the Kabini Dam authorities discharging 50,000 cusecs of water today, the Nanjangud Civic authorities have sounded flood warning in low-lying areas of the temple town and have asked the residents in these areas to move to safer locations along with their belongings and livestock.

The Kabini Dam in H.D. Kote Taluk has been receiving huge inflow for the past one week due to incessant rains in Wynad District of Kerala and other catchment areas.

(See FLOOD on page 7)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	662
Total positive cases	:	5,854
Discharges yesterday	:	164
Total discharges	:	2,230
Deaths yesterday	:	9
Total deaths	:	183
Total active cases	:	3,441

Section 144 imposed in city till midnight

DC bans liquor sales from Aug. 4 midnight to Aug. 5 midnight

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (KS)- City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta yesterday issued an order banning all types of programmes in public places including protests and bike rallies from Aug. 4 midnight to Aug. 5 midnight and also imposed Section 144 during the above said period.

This decision was taken in view of the *bhoomi pujan* at Ayodhya and also the many programmes that were fixed at prominent Circles and public places across the city, which could escalate the spread of COVID-19. This order will not affect the daily rituals at temples and temple managements have been asked to limit number of devotees to 50.

Liquor sales banned

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar too passed an order yesterday banning liquor sales across the district from Aug. 4 midnight to Aug. 5 midnight.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 5th August 2020

"Virtual Learning in the context of COVID-19"

By Dr. N.N. Prahallada,
Former Faculty, Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru

Virtual education has been in existence in some form or the other for sometime throughout the globe including India. Virtual education is gaining currency everywhere now in the context of present COVID-19. A number of search results in computer search engines indicate the fact that online education is becoming popular everywhere.

Looking around on the Internet, one can easily find that online classes are less expensive compared to regular School or College programmes.

The internet and other global information infrastructures provide a major challenge to education at all levels: the extent to which education should become 'virtual', the actual cost and value of such innovation and to such education suits its stakeholders (students) are now discussed the world over.

The prospect of a "Virtual Campus" in which students communicate, study and work together with each other and teachers from different locations, brings both challenges and opportunities for School and higher education institutions.

Bringing a virtual campus to life and making it functional requires a minimum of administrative support, strategic planning, technical solutions, teacher and student motivation, educational vision and online contents.

Virtual education refers to instruction in a learning environment where teacher and student are separated by time or space, or both, and the teacher provides course content through the use of methods such as course management applications, multimedia resources, the Internet, and video-conferencing. Students receive the content and communicate with the teacher via the same technologies.

Perhaps the most telling difference between learning in the traditional and virtual modes is the kind and extent of interaction. In the traditional classroom, the potential for learner-instructor and learner-learner is very high, but instructors have largely ignored this mandate for change and continue to employ the lecture mode as the predominant method of instruction.

In the virtual classroom, on the other hand, technology supports collaborative learning, heterogeneous groupings, problem-solving and higher order thinking skills — educational processes that a lecture format cannot facilitate.

Compared to traditional classroom setting, virtual learning is a better option for many. Depending on the self-discipline, pace of learning and style and motivation of an individual, getting an online education could easily offer a learning experience more effective than attending classes at a brick and mortar educational institution.

The pedagogical value of online learning is that it provides the learner greater autonomy thereby learner has the liberty to accommodate multiple learning styles and mediums, which suit him/her the best — email, chat rooms, video conferencing, etc.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

For Mahatma Gandhi, *ahimsa* ***and*** *mauna* ***have been inextricably linked in a framework, whereby non-violence was about carrying out practical actions that entailed self-purification and self-control. What differentiated*** *mauna* ***from mere silence was that it didn't necessitate cessation of speech as a lot as controlled activity. The emphasis was on selfless and disciplined activity rather than negative abstinence of speech or action. It is very important to point out that in his periods of silence, Gandhi continued with his each daily discipline, correspondence and selective interactions with visitors to the ashram. The role of*** *mauna* ***in his*** *ahimsa* ***was a break from the circulation of violence and counter-violence.*** *Mauna* ***enabled him to convert violence into a experience because like in any learning, it required making modifications on oneself.***

— Rajeev Kadambi in The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Girl shocks internet with her 13.7-inch waist

Myanmar: A 23-year-old girl from Myanmar has shot to online fame earlier this week after being featured by a popular English tabloid for having an incredibly thin waist.

The girl student identified as Su 'Moh Moh' Naing claims to have a waist circumference of only 13.7 inches, which would make it one of the tiniest waists in the world, but even more shocking is the fact that Naing insist her waist size is only linked to genetics. Despite being accused of digitally editing the photos she posts on her Instagram and even of having some of her ribs removed or constantly wearing a tight corset to achieve such a tiny figure, Su Naing says she is all natural.

The 23-year-old's Instagram also features a short clip of her showcasing her waist, and while definitely smaller than the average female waist, it doesn't look as tiny as it does in some of her photos.

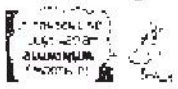
'Most stylish man in Africa' adapts to COVID pandemic

Nairobi: James Maina Mwangi, who believes himself to be the smartest looking man in all of Africa, maybe even the world, and looking at his impeccably stylish outfits, it's hard to disagree.

Mwangi, who claims to own 160 suits, over 200 pairs of shoes, and 300 hats, as well as matching accessories like pens, socks and even smartphone covers, in colors ranging from neon green to saffron yellow, has had to invest in matching face masks as well, since the Covid-19 pandemic reached Africa.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What causes the metallic taste in my mouth?



Metallic taste is not usually caused by a serious illness. Common causes of metallic taste are antibiotic drugs and drugs for thyroid disorders, blood pressure, bipolar disorder and arthritis. Low water intake and gum disease may also be possible causes.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

MGP meeting on Water Supply and Sewage in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 5-The monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be held on Sunday (Aug. 9) at 4 pm online. M.N. Harshitha and B.G. Vinay Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineers of Vani Vilasa Water Works, Mysuru, will interact with the public on "Water Supply and Sewage in Mysuru." Members of the public who are interested in participating in the meeting may send an e-mail to: *mygrapa@gmail.com* before 2 pm on Aug.9. They will be sent the link to participate in the meeting online.

For details contact Ph: 0821-2515150 or Mob: 9448855199.

Computer Training: Applications invited

Mysuru, Aug.5 -The Rashtriya Computer Saksharatha Samithi (RCSS) has invited applications for various computer training programmes, for the academic year 2020-21, including computer fundamentals, typing skills, Kannada Nudi, Tally, C, C++, hardware, networking etc. Eligible candidates, who have passed SSLC, PUC, diploma and graduate courses, aged 18 to 35 years, belonging to all communities, are requested to submit their applications along with Xerox copy of Aadhaar card and latest passport size photograph before Aug. 12. Special batches are also available for housewives and professionals. For details, contact No. 665, First Floor, Nrupathunga Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru; Ph: 0821-2560268 or 93802-31665.

Appointed as Mahajana FGC Principal

Mysuru, Aug. 5 - Prof. B.R. Jayakumari Thimmegowda has been appointed as Principal of Mahajana First Grade College in city. A native of Halebeedu village of Pandavapura taluk, Mandya district, Prof. Jayakumari has been known for her progressive stances and passion for writing through her books 'Hejje' and 'Benkiyolagina Gulabi'. She has been the recipient of 'Best Lecturer Award' of the State in 2001 as well as 'Karnataka Seva Ratna Award' in 2007.

Really...?

- ***If you peel your fruits and vegetables before you eat them, you may be making a nutritional mistake. On many fruits and veggies such as carrots, apples, and cucumbers, a good percentage of the nutrition is actually stored in the skin. That means when you peel them, you're actually peeling away nutritious benefit. The skins also contain a lot of fibre and we've already talked about all the great things that fibre can do.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

An old man was wondering if his wife had a hearing problem. So one night, he stood behind her while she was sitting in her chair. He spoke softly to her, *"Honey, can you hear me?"* ***There was no response. He moved a little closer and said again,*** *"Honey, can you hear me?"* ***Still, there was no response. Finally, he moved right behind her and said,*** *"Honey, can you hear me?"* ***She replied,*** *"For the third time, yes!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.89
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.03
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.46

VOICE OF THE READER

Pedestrian-friendly footpath needed on Kalidasa Road

Sir,

Kalidasa road has become one of the busiest roads in Mysuru, having a large number of banks, restaurants, medical facilities and other commercial activities. Though the road is broad, the stretch from Panchavati Circle to Chandrakala Hospital lacks a safely walkable footpath.

Vehicles will be parked on either sides of the road. Due to undulated and un-safe footpath, pedestrians are constrained to walk on the road, close to the parked vehicles. Vehicles zoom past these pedestrians inviting un-warranted accidents.

MCC should immediately level the footpath from Panchavati Circle to Chandrakala Hospital and pave the pavement tiles to make the footpath safe for the pedestrians.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
3.8.2020

CFTRI to host webinar on Energy and Cooking tomorrow

Prof. Pandit

Mysuru, Aug. 5- The CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has organised its Future India Talk Series as a webinar on Aug.6.

Prof. A. B. Pandit, an eminent engineer and Vice-Chancellor, Institute of Chemical Technology, University of Mumbai, will be speaking on "Energy and Cooking," a topic that concerns everyday cooking.

Cooking is a mix of physical, chemical and biological changes, brought about by either the supply or the removal of the energy. Cooking at a household level, is energywise very inefficient. The webinar will be about the efforts of Science in the past few years in making cooking sustainable.

It may be recalled that the Future India Talks series was initiated by the Institute to bring eminent scientists to speak to students of Mysuru and eminent speakers including Dr. Shekar C. Mande, DG, CSIR had delivered lectures. The monthly series is now being resumed as a webinar series from this month.

The general public and students aspiring to be engineers and food technologists can attend this talk, said Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghavarao, Director, CFTRI. **The webinar will be live at 11 am on Thursday (Aug.6) and can be joined by the public by using the link *https://tinyurl.com/y5u54z99,*** according to a press release.

Round Table's Classroom Project at Govt. School

Mysuru, Aug. 5- Mysore Amity Round Table-156 jointly with Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108 inaugurated a two-classroom project at Kyathanahalli Government School, H.D. Kote taluk, on July 24.

Area 13 Chairman Tr. Dr. Ravi Kumar was the chief guest and Area 13 Chairperson, GLMF Cr.Nidhi Shah was the guest of honour at the ceremony.

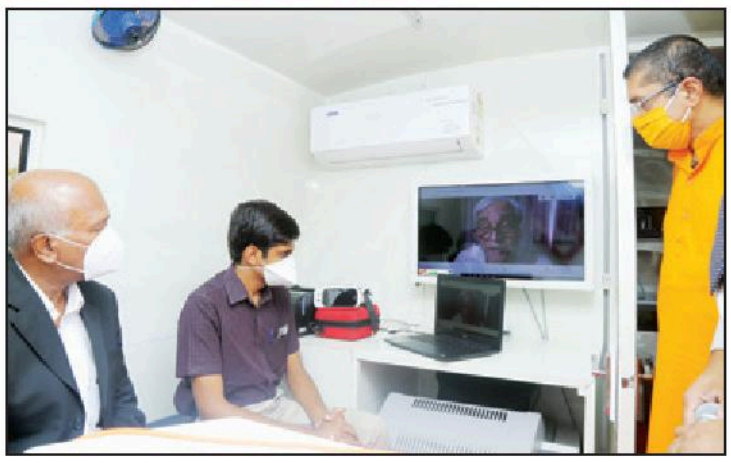
Other dignitaries who were present include Area 13 Secretary-Treasurer Tr. Ram, MALC-108 Chairperson Cr. Rupal Mehta, MART-156 Chairman Tr.Chirag Mehta and MART-156 Immediate Past Chairman Tr. Adith Raju.

In addition to building two classrooms, renovation work on the roof and toilet blocks and repainting of the entire School was undertaken.

The total project outlay was Rs. 8.50 lakh and was completed thanks to the generous contributions received from Round Table India Trust, Round Table India Foundation, Mysore Amity Round Table-156, Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108 and Germany Round Table-156, Gluckstadt.

India's first solar-powered Telemedicine Van inaugurated by Mysuru DC

This Telemedicine Unit is sponsored by Bank Note Paper Mill, Mysuru under its CSR Initiative at a cost of Rs. 1.25 crore



Mysuru, Aug. 5- India's first solar-powered Telemedicine Van was inaugurated by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar at an event that took place at Amritakripa Hospital in Roopanagar here on Aug. 3.

This Telemedicine Unit is sponsored by Bank Note Paper Mill, Mysuru (RBI Paper Mill) under its CSR Initiative approximately costing Rs. 1.25 crore.

Mysuru ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt In-charge Br. Prasadamrita Chaitanya, Managing Director of Bank Note Paper Mill, Mysuru, K.G. Viswanathan along with General Managers, Company Secretary and other officials of Bank Note Paper Mill were present. All the norms of social distancing were strictly followed. As a mark of inauguration of Telemedicine Services, there was a Teleconference by Abhiram Shankar and Viswanathan with Medical Director of Amritakripa Hospital, Kochi, Dr. Prem Nair.

The concept and entire experience applied in building this Van was by Amiritakripa Hospital, Mysuru and Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi. The Van underwent body-building at Ojes Automobiles, Kothasmangalam, Kerala. The van has a majestic look with advanced facilities like Telemedicine Console for Consultation with Specialist, Digital Radiography X-Ray Unit, 2-D Echocardiography & Ultrasonography, Automated and Semi automated Blood Testing Unit, ECG.

It also has oxygen supply with portable transport and Bipap ventilator. The equipment is supported with electricity, Petrol Generator and solar energy. Solar energy can support for 3-4 hours developed by Amrita Nanotechnology Sciences.

Speaking on the occasion, Abhiram Sankar said that this advanced Telemedicine Van is a great asset for village health programme and added that the District Administration is willing to partner with Amritakripa Hospital to control non-communicable diseases which have been neglected at present due to Corona pandemic.

Stating that arrangements for the village programme can be done with the help of District Administration, he expressed his views to use this advanced van if needed for any flood situation in and around Mysuru district.

K.G. Viswanathan, Managing Director, Bank Note Paper Mill, said that this van is a product of the CSR initiative of the Bank Note Paper Mill, for the benefit of the poor people in villages. This van is nothing but a Hospital-on-Wheels.

Mysuru district reports 662 new COVID cases, nine deaths on Aug. 4

Mandya sees 126 new cases, Kodagu reports 31 and Chamarajanagar district sees 57 new COVID positive cases

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (KS)- There seems to be an explosion of COVID-19 infections in Mysuru district as 662 new COVID positive were reported yesterday, according to the media bulletin received last evening. Meanwhile, Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar has clarified that the actual new positive cases in the district are 340 and the remaining are pending data which was entered after a delay (technical issue).

With the total of 662 new cases yesterday, the total number of positives is 5,854. A total of 2,230 patients have been discharged from hospitals so far including 164 patients yesterday. With nine COVID related deaths reported yesterday, the total death toll so far is 183. There are 3,441 active cases in the district now. The following are the COVID data of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, according to the State media bulletin yesterday evening.

MANDYA

The district reported 126 new COVID positive cases yesterday bringing the total number of positives to 2,035. As many as 1,093 patients have been discharged so far including 40 patients yesterday and with two COVID related deaths reported yesterday, the death toll so far is 16.

There are 926 active cases in the district as of yesterday.

KODAGU

Thirty-one new positive cases were reported yesterday and the total number of positives is 537. A total of 320 patients have been discharged from hospitals so far and the death toll till yesterday is nine. There are 208 active cases in the district.

CHAMARAJANAGAR

The district has reported 57 new COVID positive cases yesterday bringing the total number of positives to 852. A total of 517 patients have been discharged so far including 23 patients yesterday. With three COVID related deaths yesterday, the death toll so far is 13 and the district now has 322 active cases.

NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Aug. 6) from 10 am and 4 pm at Vivekanandanagar, Nimishambha Layout, surroundings of Vivekananda Circle, Aravindanagar, SBM Layout, Surya Layout, Srirampura 2nd stage, Nagamma Chatra and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Free eye and vision screening

Annapoorna Eye Hospital's Hootagalli, Kalidasa Road and Hebbal branches have arranged free eye and vision screening for cataract identification and other vision problems from Aug. 5 to 12 between 10 am and 7 pm. For those having cataract, surgery will be done at special prices under all safety measures. Those interested may call Mob: 88844-88262 or Ph: 0821-4195213 or 4262255, according to a press release.

Admissions to B.Sc and BCA courses

Maharani's Science College for Women, which had invited applications from eligible students for admission to first-year B.Sc and BCA courses, for the academic year 2020-21. Students are requested to apply online. Those students who have already applied online and offline are requested to upload their applications by logging on to website https://dce.kar.nic.in/DCEadmissions/Admissionform.aspx, according to a release from the Principal.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	107.17 ft
Yesterday	105.70 ft
Inflow	20,488 cusecs
Outflow	4,659 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,279.87 ft
Inflow	26,056 cusecs
Outflow	50,000 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,855.94 ft
Inflow	7,186 cusecs
Outflow	13,000 cusecs

Three killed, many injured in separate accidents in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (SBD&KS)- Three persons including a girl were killed and many others injured in separate accidents that took place in the taluk yesterday.

In the first incident, a 26-year-old youth and a 20-year-old girl were killed on the spot, when the car in which they were travelling rammed into a roadside tree between Jayapura and Harohalli in the taluk yesterday afternoon. Another youth, who was travelling with them has been seriously injured and has been admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru.

The deceased youth is identified as Mahesh. Both the deceased are residents of Vidyaranyapuram in city. The injured youth is 25-year-old Anoop.

It is learnt that all the three who were friends, had taken their friend's car (KA-01-MB-5313) to go towards H.D. Kote. While returning from H.D. Kote, Mahesh, who was behind the wheels of the car, lost control of the vehicle between Jayapura and Harohalli and crashed into a roadside tree killing him (Mahesh) and the girl besides injuring Anoop seriously. The front portion of the car has been badly damaged.

According to Jayapura Police, Mahesh was driving the car and the girl was seated in the front seat while Anoop was seated in the back seat.

In the second incident, a woman was killed on the spot when the goods auto in which she was travelling toppled near Daripura in the taluk last evening. Twelve others who were also travelling in the goods auto have been injured.

The deceased is Chandramma (60), a resident of Udbur in the taluk.

Chandramma, along with 15 others had gone to another village for work and were returning to their village in the goods auto when the vehicle toppled, it is learnt. The injured have been shifted to a hospital.

Jayapura Sub-Inspector K.C. Mohan and staff, conducted mahazar and have registered separate cases. Higher officials too inspected the spot.

Elderly man goes missing

Neelakanta Shetty

Mysuru, Aug.5 (KS)- A 76-year-old man has gone missing from city, according to the complaint lodged by S.N. Chandrashekar with Lashkar Police on Aug. 3. The missing person is Neelakanta Shetty, a resident of Ashoka Road. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418107/307 or contact Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Vatal Nagaraj bereaved

Jnanambika

Mysuru, Aug.5- Jnanambika (65), wife of Kannada Chaluvali leader and former Chamarajanagar MLA Vatal Nagaraj, passed away at a private Hospital in Bengaluru following brief illness on Tuesday. She leaves behind her husband Vatal Nagaraj, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farmland at Malarajahundi near Hadinaru village in Nanjangud taluk this morning, according to family sources.

KSRTC waives off July rent of Bus Stand shops

Mysuru, Aug.5 (RK&DM)- Nearly a month after all the hotels, shops and other stalls functioning from KSRTC Bus Stand complexes shut down demanding full waiver of rentals at least till December this year due to huge losses, the KSRTC said that it has waived off the rent in full for the month of July.

In a letter sent to all Divisional Controllers (DC) a couple of days ago, the KSRTC Chief Traffic Manager at Bengaluru said that due to less public movement and poor commutership in KSRTC buses because of COVID-19 lockdown and Total Sunday Shut-down, it has been decided to waive off rentals in full of all tenants doing business in KSRTC bus stand complexes.

COVID-19: SC directs States to provide essentials to elderly people

New Delhi, Aug. 5- The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday ordered all the States to ensure all elderly people, eligible for the pension, should be regularly paid the amount, along with necessary medicines, masks, sanitisers and other essential goods during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan and R. Subhash Reddy directed that when any individual request was made, it should be attended by the administration with all promptness.

"The caregivers of old age homes should be provided personal protection and appropriate sanitisation should also be undertaken in the old age homes," the bench said.

The court also directed that elderly people should be given priority in admission in the Government Hospital looking to their vulnerability for COVID-19.

"In event of any complaint made by the elderly people, the hospital administration concerned shall take immediate steps to remedy their grievances," it ordered.

The court passed its directions on an application filed by former Union Law Minister and senior advocate Ashwani Kumar, who contended that the elderly people, living alone, were the worst sufferers in COVID-19 crisis, as they were not able to get medicines, masks, sanitisers and other essential goods. The caregivers of these people were untrained and were also not equipped with personal protection equipment.

Union Government's Counsel submitted that the necessary steps have been taken to give protection to the older people during this pandemic.

Congress to register criminal case against BJP for sending legal notice

Mysuru, Aug.5 (PM&DM)- Even as the slugfest between Congress and BJP leaders continue over alleged scam in the purchase of COVID-19 medical equipment by the BJP Government, KPCC Spokesperson M.Lakshmana said that the Congress will register a criminal case against the BJP for issuing a legal notice to Opposition leader Siddharamaiah and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar who have accused the Government of rampant corruption in COVID-19 medical purchases.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan here yesterday, Lakshmana said that Siddharamaiah is the Opposition Leader in the State Assembly and D.K.Shivakumar is an MLA and they have every right to expose the Government. But the BJP Government, instead of answering to the charges, has issued a legal notice to the two leaders, which amounts to disruption of discharge of their duties. As such, the Congress will lodge a criminal case against BJP General Secretary N. Ravikumar under Sections 186 and 353 of IPC, who has issued the legal notice to the two party leaders, Lakshmana said.

Maintaining that the BJP Government cannot scare the Congress by issuing a legal notice, he said that the Congress has charged the BJP Government of siphoning off 50 percent money in the purchase of COVID-19 medical equipment totally worth Rs.4,500 crore by eight Departments. Claiming that the officials have not responded to the queries of the Congress regarding medical equipment purchase even after 20 days, Lakshmana accused the BJP Government of hiding information and providing only incomplete and ambiguous answers.

Inviting the BJP for an open debate on the alleged medical equipment purchase scam, Lakshmana said that the Congress will launch a campaign at the District and Taluk levels against the corrupt practices of the BJP Government in the State.

Former Corporator Shivanna and others were at the press meet.

Guest Lecturers stage protest demanding wage payment, job security

Mysuru, Aug.5 (PM&DM)- Seeking payment of wages and job security, Guest Lecturers under the banner of Government First Grade Colleges Guest Lecturers State Co-ordination Committee staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here yesterday.

Stating that more than 14,500 Guest Lecturers are serving in over 400 Government First Grade Colleges across the State, the protesting lecturers claimed that they have not been paid wages during lockdown period and are thrown out of work. Noting that they protested on every Tuesday in July and yesterday's protest is the first in the month of August, they claimed that no official from the Government came to hear their grievances. Accusing the authorities of ignoring them, they urged the Government to meet their just demands of job security and payment of wages.

JD(S) MLC Marithibbegowda, who took part in yesterday's protest, lashed out at the State Government for calling applications to Assistant Professor posts, while ignoring the demands of guest lecturers.

Pointing out that Haryana and West Bengal Governments have provided job security for guest lecturers, he urged the Karnataka to follow the same and thus protect the interests of guest faculty. He also urged the Government to consider lockdown period as period of duty and release wages to Guest Lecturers in full.

Another JD(S) MLC K.T. Srikantegowda too visited the protest venue and expressed support for the cause of Guest Lecturers. Committee office-bearers K.Mahadevaiah, Sumitra, N. Mahesh, Nagarjun, Baburaj, Hanumantesh, Gopal and others took part in the protest.

Obituary

B. Dayanidhi

Mysuru, Aug. 5- B. Dayanidhi (52), a resident of Udayagiri passed away following a heart attack this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife Anitha Dayanidhi, daughter Nikitha Dayanidhi, son Roshan Dayanidhi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held in city today, according to family sources.

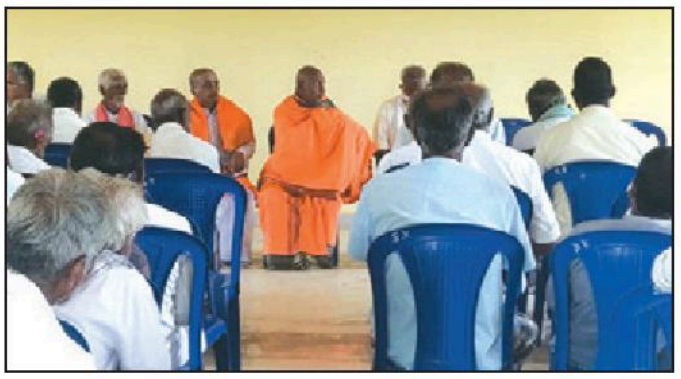
K. Usha Sundari

K. Usha Sundari (60), a resident of Hebbal, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

She leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday, according to family sources.

Salur Mutt: Devotees for appointing third person as Mutt successor



Kollegal, Aug.5- With the Civil Court here vacating the stay on the appointment of new Seer (successor) for Salur Mutt at M.M.Hills in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district, the Mutt devotees have demanded appointment of a third person, who is in no way related to both the Seers, as the new successor to head the Mutt.

The devotes held separate meetings in this regard at M.M.Hills, Shagya and Bandalli villages, where it was unanimously decided to appoint a non-controversial person who is in no way related to the two Mutt Seers Guruswamy and Immadi Mahadevaswamy.

Former M.M.Hills Temple Dharmadarshi Nagappa, who spoke at M.M.Hills meeting, said that the Committee formed to name the successor for Salur Mutt should appoint a person who is free of any relationship with the two Seers.

Pointing out that the appointment of an impartial person as the successor may end the long-standing issues concerning the Salur Mutt, Nagappa warned of staging protests if a person associated with either of the two camps is appointed as the successor.

Phalahara Prabhudeva Swamiji, who spoke at a meeting at Bandalli, said that a third person who is not associated with both the camps, must be appointed as the successor in the better interests of Salur Mutt.

Senior leader Shagya Kempanna, speaking at Shagya, called for the intervention of Suttur Mutt Seer for resolving the row over appointment of Salur Mutt successor.

Strongly opposing naming of Nagendra, who is said to be associated with one of the camps, he warned of staging massive demonstrations if an impartial person is not appointed as the successor.

M.M. Hills Gram Panchayat President Mahadevprasad, Bommeshwara temple priest Puttamadaiah, GP members Kumar, Kempanna and other local leaders were present.

Kollegal Court vacates stay on appointment of Salur Mutt successor

Kollegal, Aug.5- The Additional Civil Court here has vacated the stay order brought by M.M.Hills Salur Mutt Junior Seer Immadi Mahadevaswamy against the appointment of successor for the Mutt in his absence.

Immadi Mahadevaswamy is in jail in connection with Sulwadi temple food poisoning case in which at least 17 people lost their lives and scores of other devotees fell ill. Immadi Mahadevaswamy is the prime accused in the case, which shocked the entire State in December 2018.

After the Sulwadi temple food poisoning case, the temple devotees and Bedagampana community leaders from 53 villages, including 33 of neighbouring Tamil Nadu, met and resolved to oust the jailed Immadi Mahadevaswamy as the head of the Mutt. Amidst all this, a Committee was formed for appointing the successor to the Mutt. Upon learning of the move to appoint his successor, Immadi Mahadevaswamy filed a petition at the Kollegal Additional Civil Court in August 2019 seeking a stay against the appointment of any successor in his absence. The Court then had issued a temporary stay order.

But Additional Civil Court Judge Santosh Kothari on Monday dismissed Immadi Mahdevaswamy's plea and vacated the stay order on the appointment of Salur Mutt successor, saying that the case does not come under the purview of this Court.

The vacation of the stay order enables the appointment of the successor. However, Immadi Mahadevaswamy has the option to file a petition in a Higher Court.

Rain pounds Kodagu; all rivers in spate

Normal life thrown out of gear; Indian Meteorological Department forecasts heavy to very heavy rains till August 9

Madikeri, Aug. 5 (PS, Akshay&BCT)- Similar to the pattern that began in 2018 and continued last year, Kodagu is receiving heavy to very heavy rainfall in August coupled with gusty winds. Rain has been pounding the district since the last four days and as per the India Meteorological Department (IMD), it will continue to rain for the next four to five days due to the low pressure formation in peninsular India.

As a result of rains, River Cauvery, Harangi, Lakshmanatheertha, Kakkattupole and many other smaller rivers are in full spate. At some places like in Kushalnagar, water has entered residential areas. Heavy rainfall in Brahmagiri range has created a flood threat.

Triveni Sangama at Bhagamandala is full and river water is flowing on Napoklu-Bhagamandala Road in the district. Water level in Cauvery and Lakshmanatheertha have increased drastically. With Somwarpet, Garagandur, Madapura, Jamboor, Mukkodlu, Galibeedu receiving heavy rain, the inflow of water to Harangi has increased.

13,000 cusecs water from Harangi

Already 13,000 cusecs water has been released from Harangi Dam and there is a steady inflow of 7,186 cusecs. The release of water to the river is likely to increase and people living on the banks of river at Koodige and Kushalnagar have been asked to remain cautious.

The District received 106.12 mm of rainfall for the 24 hour period ending at 8.30 am on Tuesday and the District Administration has cautioned people in the low-lying areas to be cautious of rise in water levels.

Of the 104 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the district, 15 GPs have received rains in excess of 100 mm during the last 24 hours. Ballamavatti GP received 172 mm, the highest among the GPs. Bhagamandala GP and surrounding areas which are the catchment area of the Cauvery, received 170.5 mm of rainfall, the highest so far this monsoon.

River Cauvery is seen in spate at Kondangeri village near Murnad.

Normal life out of gear

There are reports of trees being uprooted and the traffic on the Virajpet-Madikeri Highway was blocked for some time. Normal life has been thrown out of gear especially in rural areas with roads being blocked by overflowing rivers and rivulets. Most of the smaller bridges in the district are nearing its danger mark.

In Madikeri Taluk, in and around Kaloor village mud-mixed water is flowing into villages from hilly areas causing anxiety among villagers as in August 2018 and 2019, landslides had devastated the areas. Rivers like Kootupole, Kaloorpole and Hattihole are overflowing, threatening the human habitation and vegetation areas on the banks. Rivers passing through Thantipaala, Hattihole, Kondangeri, Kottamudi, Hodavada, Bethri, Kadanoor and Madapura have seen rapid rise in water flow levels and turbulence.

Bhagamandala and Triveni Sangama

Water level has also risen in Bhagamandala and Triveni Sangama — confluence of River Cauvery, Kannike and Sujyothi — with Naganakatte submerging. Even the steps leading to the Sangama are under water. Bhagamandala, Talacauvery, Korangala, Cherangala, Kolikadu and Ayyangeri have been receiving heavy rainfall. There is two-three feet water on the Bhagamandala Ayyangeri Road.

The IMD has forecast heavy to very heavy rains across the district till Aug. 9.

KSNDMC data

The incessant rains in Kodagu follows a long period of lull in July as a result of which the rainfall deficit stands at 36 per cent below normal for the monsoon period June 1 to August 4. Against a normal of 1,492 mm, the district so far has received 959 mm, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC).

Kodagu District Administration issued a communiqué as per which the rainfall has been uniform and widespread in the region. Madikeri Kasaba recorded 141.6 mm of rains, Napoklu received 131.1 mm, Sampaje (61.2), Bhagamandala (186.4), Srimangala (150.6), Shanthahalli (207.3), Kodlipet (135.8), Ponnampet (122.2) and Somwarpet Kasaba received 91.4 mm of rainfall during the 24 hour period ending 8.30 am on Tuesday. In case of any emergency related to floods people may call 1077 or WhatsApp number 8550001077 for assistance.

Landslides at Kathalekadu

Latest reports from Kodagu say that landslides might occur near Kathalekadu and the Siddapur-Madikeri Main Road is at risk as residents have seen mud rolling down the hilly areas. Authorities from Kadagadalu GP have asked people to avoid passing through Kathalekadu-Abbiyala Road. Napoklu-Bhagamandala Road is completely closed for traffic. Even Murnad-Napoklu Road is closed.

As per Kodagu District Agromet Unit (DAMU) at Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Gonikoppal, high wind speed is observed in Southern part of Kodagu and it is likely to continue till Aug. 6.

A house in a low-lying area near Siddapur is examined by officials and rescue teams.

Water from Harangi Dam entering residential layouts of Kushalnagar. Picture right shows River Cauvery flowing under Kushalnagar twin bridge.

PM lays first brick for Ram Temple in Ayodhya

The nine bricks that have been laid to construct the temple.

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The dignitaries also worshipped the *Kurma shilas* and other *shilas*, of the Ram Bhakts from different parts of the country. The religious rituals continued for around 30 minutes following which the silver brick was laid by the PM. The entire religious programme was live steamed at the main programme hall through a large TV screen where around 175 people, including 135 seers, were present.

President Ram Nath Kovind has hailed the *Bhoomi Pujan,* saying it will be a testimony to ideals of Ram Rajya and a "symbol of modern India". The President, greeting the people on the occasion said, "Felicitations to all for the foundation laying of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Being built in tune with law, it defines India's spirit of social harmony and people's zeal. It will be a testimony to ideals of Ram Rajya and a symbol of modern India."

Special pujas performed at Mysuru temples

Special pujas were performed at all Muzrai and other Temples including Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and all Sri Rama Mandiras across the city following the laying of the foundation stone to Sri Ram Temple at Ayodhya this morning.

A huge cut out Lord Ram was put up at the Office of City BJP unit at Chamarajapuram with City BJP President Srivatsa and State Vice-President M. Rajendra performing puja to the cut out along with others.

MLA S.A. Ramdas also performed puja to the idol of Lord Ram at his office in Vidyaranyapuram and showered flower petals. Three Kar Sevaks, who had been to Ayodhya — Subramanya Bhat, Krishnamurthy and Umesh — were felicitated.

Kodand Ram idol from Karnataka presented to PM

Bengaluru, Aug. 5 (Agencies)- Two idols of Lord Ram and one each of Luv and Kush have been dispatched from Kengeri on the outskirts of Bengaluru to Ayodhya and were presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath presented the one-and-half-feel tall statues to PM Modi after the foundation stone ceremony of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya today. Another three-feet-tall idol crafted by artist Ramamurthy will be placed on the temple's premises. "I am delighted to be part of this historic occasion," said Ramamurthy.

The idols have been crafted out of teak and they show a confluence of Chola art and other popular forms from southern India. The idol of Lord Ram is beautifully decorated with ornaments and various kinds of cloth. Kodand, or bow and arrow, makes the idol even more attractive.

"I have crafted it from the core of my heart. It has given me enormous pleasure," said Ramamurthy, who got the order for the idols some months ago. Ramamurthy was given a national award by the President for his craftsmanship in 2015-16 for a 7.5-feet idol of Lord Ram.

This idol was bought by a research institute in Ayodhya from the Karnataka Handicraft Development Corporation in 2017 for approximately Rs. 32 lakh.

Adityanath, who liked this idol, made the Uttar Pradesh Government to place orders with Ramamurthy.

Flood alert in Nanjangud

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Due to huge discharge from the Dam, the Kapila river at Nanjangud is flowing in full and the 16-Kaalu Mantapa is almost fully submerged.Also, the steps of the bathing Ghat on the banks of the river have been submerged.

Nanjangud CMC Commissioner Karibasavaiah told 'Star of Mysore' that low lying localities have been issued a flood alert yesterday itself and the residents have been asked to move to safer locations.Increase in inflow to KRS dam

Due to copious rainfall in Kodagu district , the KRS Dam in Srirangapatna Taluk of Mandya district today recorded an inflow of 20,488 cusecs and outflow of 4,659 cusecs.The Dam is seeing a consistent rise in the inflow over the past couple of days and accordingly, the authorities are increasing outflow from the Dam. As the reservoir is receiving huge inflows, the authorities expect the Dam to be full to the brim by the end of this month.

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In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka speaks about internal bleeding in dogs and overcoming their fear of objects

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Why does xylitol cause hypoglycaemia in dogs?

Insulin is released both in the pancreases of humans and dogs, thus controlling the amount of blood sugar present in the body.

In human beings, xylitol is fairly harmless, mainly because the bloodstream doesn't absorb it quickly — contrary to dogs and other non-primate animals.

Whenever they eat anything containing xylitol, the sweetener is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream, causing an insane amount of insulin to be released from the pancreas, which in turn reduces blood sugar, causing hypoglycaemia!

Although sugary treats can damage a dog's teeth, I'd rather deal with dental problems than hypoglycaemia, for obvious reasons.

What foods contain xylitol?

Anything that says, "sugar free." Chewing gum, cookies, ketchup, peanut butter, protein bars, commercially baked items.

Is it bad to let your dog sleep under your quilt or blanket covers?

I don't think it is a problem. If a dog went under the covers and the covers were too restrictive the dog would move or struggle to get out. It would be clear that the dog was uncomfortable. It's unlikely that a dog could get suffocated. The only exception could be very small dogs with heavy sleeping owners or young puppies that were not strong enough to get out if they got trapped.

In fact, it is probably more of a nuisance to you because dogs get hot very quickly and then they want to get out and then, after a bit, they want back in, so you can be awake the whole night. So it's best not to give them that indulgence.

How can you tell if your dog is bleeding internally or not?

Common signs of internal bleeding include weakness, trouble breathing, pale gums, a distended abdomen, and collapse. Less common signs are vomiting, not eating, and general malaise.

Why does my dog keep acting like he is choking?

If your dog is hacking away or constantly making noises that make it sound like he's choking on something, he may have a case of kennel cough, or canine infectious tracheobronchitis. Although kennel cough can sound terrible, most of the time it is not a serious condition, and most dogs will recover without treatment.

Why do dogs like to sleep with you?

That is because it is in their nature to sleep in a pile on top of each other and that's when they feel most secure and comfortable — snuggled up against their littermates. Also because if you have more than one dog, sleeping with you is a sign of being "top dog."

Can you keep intact males and females in the same house?

If you have an unneutered male dog in your household, and you want to let your female go through one or more heat cycles before spaying her, the smartest and safest thing is to remove one of them for the duration of the female's heat. It is difficult to describe the stress, restlessness, and sheer loss of sanity that a male dog can exhibit in the face of a female in standing season. It will be close to unbearable for you, to say nothing of him. I would suggest letting him board with a friend till it's over. Or have him spayed.

Can I spay my dog while she is in heat?

Once your female has started her heat, you cannot. The uterus, preparing for pregnancy, is very vascular, and the risk of internal bleeding is higher. Instead, schedule spay surgery at a hormonally "quiet" time, midway between heats.

Can a spayed dog still be in heat?

It is possible for a female dog or cat that has gone through spay surgery to show signs of heat — bleeding, attracting males, and behavioural changes — after the surgery. This can happen because the lining tissue of the remaining vagina can swell and bleed in response to the hormones, simulating a heat cycle. But you do not have to worry about pregnancy even if the pet seems to go in heat. If the uterus was, in fact, removed, then there is no way that your pet can become pregnant.

How can I make aging in my dog a better experience for him?

In dogs as in people, old age can't be prevented, but there are things a person can do for their dog to possibly retard the process or at least make aging a better experience. In addition to regular vet visits, it's important to keep the dog's weight at a healthy level, feed it a nutritious diet that contains all the necessary macro- and micronutrients (and supplements if necessary), massage achy joints and muscles, introduce a younger playmate, give the old dog sufficient exercise, playtime, and plenty of enrichment and socialisation.

Why do dogs develop fear of some objects?

Dogs can also become fearful of certain objects because of the unpredictable noises they make. For instance, dogs bark at a child's stuffed animal that sings a birthday song, and keeps low to the floor with his ears tucked back as he barks, ready to run if the stuffed animal should lunge at him.

The unfamiliar and unpredictable noise startles him to the point that he has developed a fear of the stuffed animal. Many people see this type of fear develop in their dogs towards vacuum cleaners, hairdryers, and other noisy household items. A negative experience with an object can also cause a dog to become fearful.

How can you overcome the fear of objects that the dog has?

Put the objects out of sight of the dog so that he is not able to see them. Try to give some kind of treat to your dog when he approaches the object. Try to ignore him when he gets closer to the object. Gradually desensitise your dog to the object. And soon you will be able to overcome your dog's fear.

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Slum Board houses on Naguvanahalli Road lying vacant for years

Mysuru, Aug.5 (MK&DM)- As a glaring example of Government apathy, more than 200 Slum Board houses built on Naguvanahalli Road in the outskirts of the city have been lying vacant for years.

The Karnataka Slum Development Board had built multi-floor residential complex having 252 houses on Naguvanahalli road off the Ring Road in 2014 at a cost of Rs. 6 crore under JNNURM Scheme. The houses were meant for distribution among slum dwellers and other poor people. But as the Board has not bothered to distribute them, it seems that the very purpose of their construction has been defeated even as the poor await shelter with eagerness and anxiety. The Slum Board which took up the construction in 2014, completed the housing project in 2016 and thereafter seems to have forgotten about it. After failing to allot the 252 constructed houses, the authorities have also failed in maintaining them, which has led to the deterioration of the houses. As the houses are left in the lurch, weeds, bushes and plants have grown up in the vicinity posing a hazard to nearby residents. With no one to take care of these houses, windows, doors, tiles and other materials have gone missing. The authorities have remained quiet after locking the houses. Not to fall behind, some other persons too have put another lock of their own after writing their names on the front doors.

Some people who are awaiting distribution of the houses, told *Star of Mysore* that the Slum Board authorities have not bothered to maintain them and as such, the condition of the houses is deteriorating with each passing day. Expressing concern that the houses may become dilapidated in the absence of any maintenance, they alleged that the authorities are indulged in looting tax-payers money in the name of constructing houses for the poor.

They also expressed concern that the multi-storeyed residential complex may go waste if the authorities do not act immediately and allot houses to deserving beneficiaries. They also alleged that the Slum Board authorities were dodging queries on the allotment of the houses.

Four from Mysuru region make the cut in UPSC results

K.T. Meghana from Periyapatna overcomes poor vision to score 465th rank

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (PM&BCT)- As many as 42 candidates from Karnataka have cracked the coveted Civil Services Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) 2019. C.S. Jeydev topped the State with an All India Rank of 5 while B. Yashaswini and H. Vinod Patil were second and third in Karnataka with all-India ranks of 71 and 132, respectively.

Among the candidates who have made the cut in the examinations, four are from Mysuru region. **Prajwal** of Vijayashreepura in Mysuru has secured the 636th rank while **K.T. Meghana** from Periyapatna has bagged 465th rank. The others are **Abhishek Gowda** of Maragowdanahalli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya district who has secured 278th rank and **Varun K. Gowda** of Bannur Hobli, T. Narasipur taluk, Mysuru district, got 528th rank.

Prajwal, a resident of Vijayashreepura, did his BE (Mechanical Engineering) from National Institute of Engineering and was working as a Design Engineer at a firm in Bengaluru. Prajwal has passed the exam in his fourth attempt. Though he was selected for the interview last year, he could not get a rank.

Twenty-eight-year-old Prajwal's family have their roots in Periyapatna. His father Sudarshan works as a manager at a hotel, mother Vishali is a homemaker. "This is my fourth attempt and last year I had passed but was not selected. This time I had worked hard. As I am from a middle class family, the financial condition of my family was weak and I had to pursue my dreams by working and now I have secured a rank too. I studied under Navo-Pramati Institute of Civil Services," he said.

Giving details about the UPSC exam, Prajwal said that the exams are held in three stages. "This year, the exams were conducted for 900 posts. Now materials for the exams are easily available. But civil service aspirants must be selective in their studies and preparations. They need not read whatever subjects available online or offline," he said.

Prajwal *Meghana*

Overcoming difficulties

K.T. Meghana, also from Periyapatna, now a resident of Kengeri in Bengaluru, has cleared the UPSC hurdles to secure 465th rank. The family hails from Kudukuru village in Periyapatna and her father Tandavamurthy owns a ceramic shop while mother Navaneetha is a home-maker.

Meghana had lost sight due to a problem in her retina (a rare genetic condition) at the age of 15 and dropped out in PUC. She had lost 70 percent of her vision but continued with studies after her parents convinced and persuaded her to study. 25-year-old Meghana missed the ranking by just 5 marks. She wrote the examination with the help of a scribe.

Initially when the doctors told the family that her eyesight would drastically reduce due to the genetic disorder, Meghana suffered depression. She had joined Science stream but struggled to cope. Later she quit studies and after much pursuance from her parents, she joined the Arts stream. In the beginning, her mother used to read for her and later she learnt Braille and recorded teaching sessions at her college and listened to them after coming home.

Meghana completed her BA and started working in a private firm. She decided to take up UPSC exams and enrolled for coaching classes. She prepared well and her confidence received a boost when three months ago she cracked the Karnataka Administrative Services (KAS) and was appointed as probationary Assistant Director of Treasury Department. Her next aim was UPSC and now she has cleared it too.

MBBS candidates clear exams

By securing 278th rank, **Abhishek Gowda,** an MBBS degree holder, has cracked the exam in his third attempt. He had received coaching at an institute in Bengaluru for six months and later appeared for the exam. Abhishek said, "I wanted to appear for UPSC exams since my high school days. After completing MBBS, I studied for two years for the exam. I had sought the guidance of Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.V. Venkatesh for the interview."

Varun K. Gowda of Bannur Hobli in T. Narasipur taluk has secured the 528th rank and this is his first attempt. Varun completed his MBBS last year. "I appeared for the exam to serve the people. I had not expected a rank in the first attempt," Varun said.

A total of eight students of Mysuru-based Navo-Pramati Institute of Civil Services have cleared the exams — B. Kruthi (rank 297), Bengaluru; Dr. N. Vivek Reddy (485), Srinivasapura, Kolar; Praful Desai (532), Gokak, Belgaum; K.R. Bharath (545), Mulbagal, Kolar; Pruthvi S. Hullatti (582), Shivamogga; R. Suhas (rank 583) Bengaluru; H.G. Darshana Kumar (594), Arasikere, Hassan and Prajwal (rank 636), Mysuru.

Free webinar on "What after 10th?" this evening

Mysuru, Aug.5- KNC Innovative Global School (KNCIGS), Mysuru, is conducting a free webinar on the subject "What After 10th" for 10th pass students today (Aug.5) from 6 pm to 7 pm. Students can know about career opportunities in higher education, job-oriented courses and job opportunities for 10th pass.

The speakers are Ramya, Sr. Career expert at Loadstar Career Guidance and K.N. Chandrashekar, Chairman, KNCIGS. Free session link: https://bit.ly/2DynTMo

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Ramya *Chandrashekar*

Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry at JSS AHER

Mysuru, Aug.5- Biochemistry is a discipline that unveils the chemical basis of life in all living organisms including plants, animals and micro-organisms. Excerpts from the Learning Outcome-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) released by UGC this year in January clearly suggests the basic requirement to understand the scientific language of Life/ Biological Sciences in the form of Biochemistry.

LOCF-Biochemistry undergraduate model curriculum developed by UGC is being used as a template for the curriculum empowered with essential components of Life Sciences Skill Sets.

Keeping this in mind, Single Major B.Sc., Biochemistry (3 years: 6 Semesters, Choice Based Credit System) is being introduced by School of Life Sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSSAHER) from this academic year apart from the existing M.Sc., Biochemistry programme.

Biochemistry is a major contributing discipline to the growth of modern medical and health sciences and agriculture including in the existing pandemic condition. The change in curriculum will allow students to get more opportunity to build careers in teaching, research, clinical diagnosis, treatment of diseases/disorders, designing drugs and understanding their metabolism, manufacture of various biological products, and in agriculture related industrial establishments.

The advancements in Life Sciences brings about the challenge to undertake Biochemistry as a course at undergraduate level which will help in developed learning outcomes including critical thinking, problem solving, analytical and scientific reasoning, and research/ industry related skills.

For more information about the programme, contact Dr. J.R. Kumar (Mob: 90350-14468); Dr. Raghu Ram Achar (Mob: 95354-13026) and J.M. Dr. Siddesha (Mob:70190-41500), according to a press release.

Bags Best Paper Award

A Technical paper entitled "Paddy Crop Disease Detection using Machine Learning" presented by students of Department of E&C Engineering of P.E.S. College of Engineering, Mandya — B.S. Prajwal Gowda, H.A. Nisarga, M. Rachana and S. Shashank — has bagged the Best Paper Award in the "National Conference on Communication and Data Science" conducted by GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology, Mysuru in association with ISTE and IJERT on July 15. The award-winning students were felicitated by College Principal Dr. H.V. Ravindra. Head of the E&C Department Dr. K.A. Radhakrishna Rao, Dean (I.I.I) Dr. B.S. Shivakumara, Professor S. Vinay, Professor M. Punith Kumar and Guide B.S. Sahana Raj are also seen.

Student enrichment webinar on "Research Article Writing"

Mysuru, Aug.5- TTL College of Business Management, Saraswathipuram, UG and PG Department of Commerce - IQAC, had organised a student enrichment webinar on "Research Article Writing and Descriptive Data Analysis using SPSS" on Sunday. The talk was delivered by Dr. D.V. Vidyashree, Assistant Professor, PG Department, St. Claret College, Bengaluru.

The webinar primarily aimed at formalising and motivating students on Research Article Writing. A total of 175 UG and PG students of various disciplines from all over Karnataka participated in the event.

The talk focused on various steps of Research Article Writing and Descriptive Data Analysis using SPSS.

Final year M.Com students Bharathi welcomed, Rakshitha introduced the Resource Person and Janavi proposed a vote of thanks. The faculty members and students of TTL Educational Institutions were present on this occasion, according to a press release.

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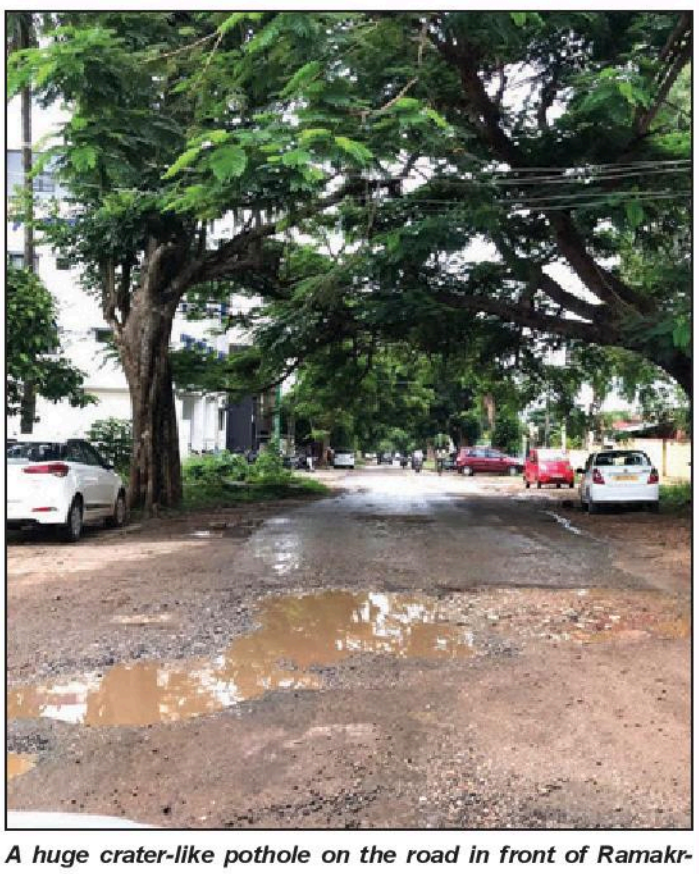
Weeds, garbage-filled vacant sites causing problems at Ramakrishnanagar

Two vacant sites on the 2nd Cross in G-Block at Ramakrishnanagar is filled with weeds, parthenium and garbage causing a lot of problems to the residents living in its surroundings. With recent rains, garbage is decaying and emanating foul smell and the weeds-filled vacant sites have become a perfect place for mosquitoes to breed. Residents alleged that though a complaint was filed in this regard at the MCC Zonal Office on July 29, no action has been taken till date. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the vacant sites cleared of weeds at the earliest.

Plea to repair road in front of Ramakrishnanagar Water Tank



A huge crater-like pothole on the road in front of Ramakrishnanagar Water Tank is causing a lot of inconvenience to the public especially motorists. The situation gets worse during rains as rain water gets filled inside this huge pothole and motorists unable to locate the pothole drive or ride into the pothole injuring themselves besides damaging the vehicles. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the road repaired at the earliest.

Visiting hours restricted for devotees at Male Mahadeshwara Temple

Hanur, Aug. 5- As part of precautionary steps taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. M.R. Ravi has restricted the visiting hours for devotees and public to Male Mahadeshwara Temple.

Earlier, the district administration was making preparations to allow devotees to have *darshan* at Male Mahadeshwara Temple from 4 am to 10 pm.

But due to rise in number of infected cases in Kollegal and Hanur taluk in recent days, DC Dr. M.R. Ravi did not agree to the above timings and suggested temple authorities to restrict visiting hours for devotees from 7 am to 7 pm, as per his earlier instructions.

Secretary of Sri Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple Kshetra Development Authority Jayavibhava Swamy said that, as per the latest set of norms issued by district administration, devotees are not permitted to participate in early morning and evening rituals such as *Abhisheka*, which are held at 4 am and 6.30 pm.

After 5.30 pm, vehicles will not be allowed towards Male Mahadeshwara Hills from Tala Betta.

With work for just four months a year, Home Guards ponder over full-time employment

Mysuru, Aug.5 (MK&DM)- Home Guards who work with the Police on normal days are in a dilemma as they get work only for four months a year, with the COVID-19 pandemic throwing almost everything out of gear.

There are a total of 1,300 Home Guards serving in the district, including 528 in the city and in normal times, they used to work with the Police in Traffic regulations, maintenance of Law and Order, bandobust duty, emergencies and such other Police duties.

But, with the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19, the Police Department has stopped engaging Home Guards in bandobust duties, which has resulted in most of them losing their jobs.

However, the Police Department has allowed 150 Home Guards to work in the City Police Stations for a period of two months, while 150 others can join work in later days on a two-month assignment. This means that the first batch of 150 guards have to wait for six long months for another term of their engagement. As such, a Home Guard gets only four months of work.

A few Home Guards told *Star of Mysore* that they get only four months of work a year and they have to stay at home in the remaining eight months, with no financial support from the Government.

Maintaining that they are facing very tough times during the COVID-19 crisis, they said that they will be happy if the Government appoints them full-time with a monthly salary of Rs.10,000.

Asserting that it has become difficult for them to find alternative jobs elsewhere, they said that they are not paid salary for Police duty for the past three months. Besides they are not getting regular work and having exhausted all their savings, they are left penniless now, they claimed.

Scholarship for differently-abled students

Mysuru, Aug.5- The Department for Empowerment of Differently-Abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from eligible differently-abled students for availing Merit Scholarships and scholarship for Differently-Abled Students, for the year 2020-21. Differently-abled students from 1st standard to post-graduate courses, having scored more than 40 percent marks in previous academic year are eligible to apply for Scholarship for Differently-Abled Students.

Those students who have scored more than 60 percent marks in SSLC, PUC, degree or post-graduate courses in the last academic year are eligible to apply for Merit Scholarships.

Applications can be obtained from the District Disabled Welfare Office in Tilaknagar and submit the same along with all necessary documents before Sept. 20.

For details, call Ph: 0821-2490111, according to a release from the District Disabled Welfare Officer.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bowdlerize

Pronunciation: BOHD-ler-ize.
Meaning: Literature : to expurgate (something, such as a book) by omitting or modifying parts considered vulgar; to modify by abridging, simplifying, or distorting in style or content.
Origin: Few editors have achieved the notoriety of Thomas Bowdler. He was trained as a physician, but when illness prevented him from practicing medicine, he turned to warning Europeans about unsanitary conditions at French watering places. Bowdler then carried his quest for purification to literature, and in 1818 he published his Family Shakspeare [sic], a work in which he promised that "those words and expressions are omitted which cannot with propriety be read aloud in a family." The sanitized volume was popular with the public of the day, but literary critics denounced his modifications of the words of the Bard. Bowdler applied his literary eraser broadly, and within 11 years of his death in 1825 the word bowdlerize was being used to refer to expurgating books or other texts.
Example: "Certainly, there's no risk that all art will be bowdlerized into nice stories about people saving puppies, but it's not wrong to note a fading appetite for antiheroes and bad behavior." — Jonah E. Bromwich

THE ODD WORD

Baisemain

Kiss on the hand

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Back the field

Meaning: Place a bet on all the horses in a race, except one.
Origin: This is the designation given to the betting against a particular horse (or small group of horses). If a punter believes a horse is sure to lose he can back all the others — 'the field'. This was referred to in the 1878 Chambers's Encyclopedia:
"There are men ... ready to lay against any horse and 'back' the 'field'."

QUOTE BOX

I've often said there is nothing better for the inside of the man, than the outside of the horse. **— Ronald Reagan**

RIDDLE THIS

What goes up and down but doesn't move?

Answer :A staircase.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	3	9	5	4	8	7	1	2
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5	1	4	7	6	2	8	9	3
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7	5	8	4	2	9	6	3	1
2	9	3	6	8	1	4	7	5
9	6	2	1	5	4	3	8	7
4	7	1	8	3	6	2	5	9
3	8	5	2	9	7	1	6	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Condl. Access Sys.
4 Young animals
8 Bits Per Second, abbr.
11 Commonly used pesticide
12 Delicate; weak
14 Thai language - "Ola" anagram?
15 Record company ___ Victor
16 Same again
17 Olive extract, perhaps
18 ___ out : become unconscious
20 Promises
22 Chaucer piece
24 Sicilian spouter (2,4)
26 University city in Iowa
27 Chills or freezes
28 Faux ___ : a social blunder?
29 Morose; rude
30 French word for "born"
33 Author ___ C. Chaudhuri
34 Wound and cripple
35 Humbly
37 "Hey, you!"
38 Bollywood's and TV's ___ Nath
39 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
41 In favour of
42 Deduce
45 In short, suffix of all Indian PLC's?
48 Interjection used in cheering?
49 Prefix for much or many
50 ___ Vegas : the famous gambling city?
51 Sandra ___ : famous actress of days gone by?
52 Unit of computer memory
53 Delicious

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	T	O			I	M	P		L	A	T	A
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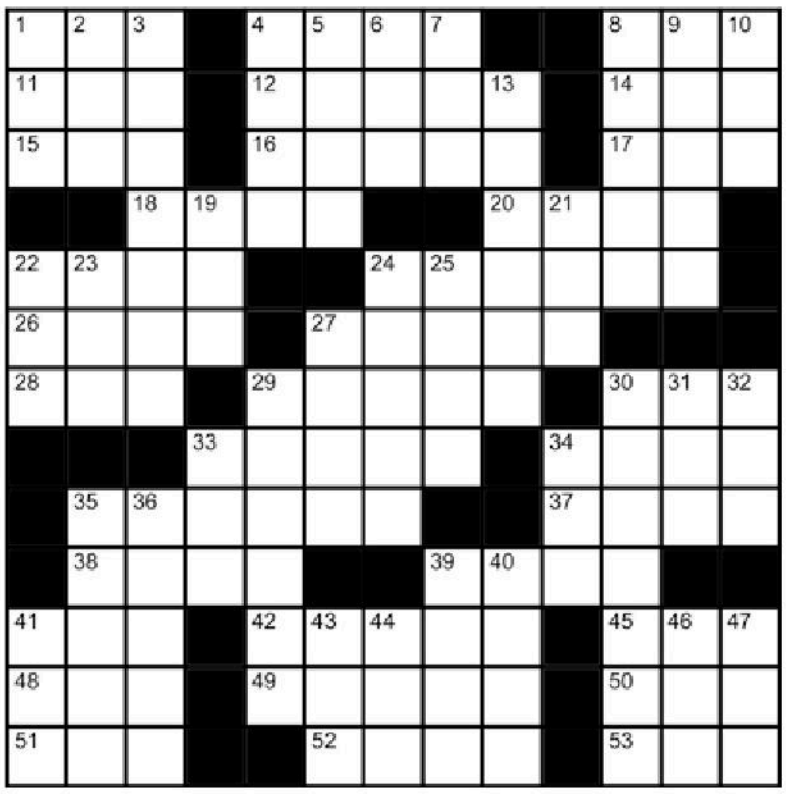
DOWN

1 Commander, in short ?
2 Aide-de-camp, in short
3 Basics
4 Centralized Fault Display Sys.
5 Exodus author Leon ___
6 Not ___ an eyelid : show no feelings?
7 ___ on the fence : remain neutral or undecided?
8 Swelled
9 One of hundredth of a rupee
10 Latin sun
13 Pleasing or delightful?
19 Roman bronze
21 Officers Training School, acronym
22 A light blow
23 American medical association, in short
24 A type of an eel
25 Related or narrated
27 Ringlet
29 Indian state bordering China
30 Through the nose
31 Electronic Instrument Sys.
32 CPR specialist
33 Modern: pref.
34 Speed measure, in short
35 Nobel laureate ___ Curie
36 Run away to wed
39 Clear of costs
40 Huron's neighbour
41 Advanced degree
43 A small lump of coal
44 Move through the air
46 Greek T
47 Doctor of Sacred Music, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

THK WILIM UPWR THKMGINU KWQPN

THK UEZI QFI QMKQF.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A man's feet should be planted in his country, but his eyes should survey the world.

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8 - Raddish	-½ KG
9 - Beetroot	-½ KG
10- Brinjal	-½ KG
11- Coriander leaf	-1 No.
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14- Green Chilly	-250gm
15- Ginger	-100gm

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